



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

CUPFERMAN et al.

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Appl. No. 10/613,723

TC/A.U. 1614

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Examiner: Jagoe

For: USE OF COMPOUNDS WHICH MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO MODIFY THE  
PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF THE SKIN AND/OR THE MUCOUS  
MEMBRANES AS AGENTS PREVENTING OR REDUCING THE ADHESION OF  
MICROORGANISMS TO THE LATTER

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January 12, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 12, 2006, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I, for further prosecution.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested, at least with regard to the subject matter of the Examiner's Groups I and II. Specifically, the methods of the Examiner's Groups I and II are believed to be associated processes involving methods of modifying the physiochemical properties of the surface of the skin and of the mucous membranes so as to reduce the adhesion of microorganisms.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claimed subject matter are requested.

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The applicants elect, with traverse, ricinoleic monoethanolamine monosulphosuccinate salts as a species for initial examination. The Examiner is requested to examine all of the claimed subject matter, which the applicants submit, with due respect, would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. All of the claims of the elected subject matter read on the elected species.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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